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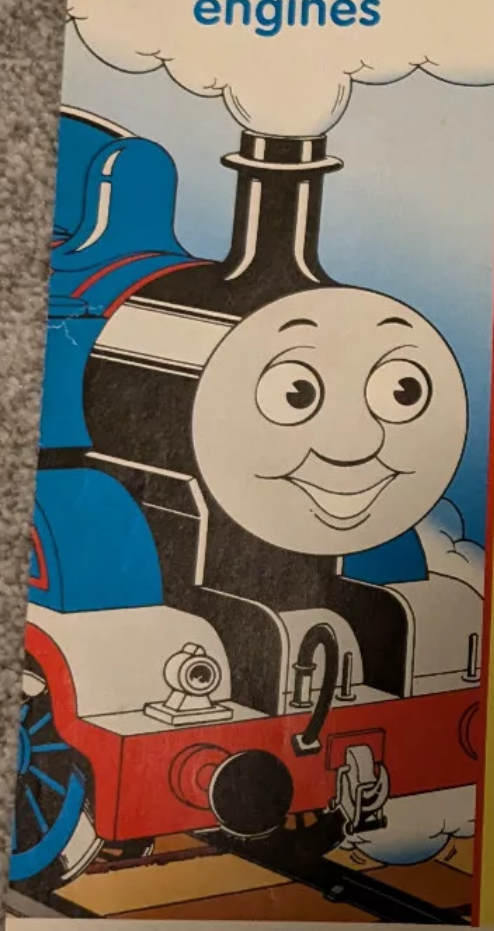

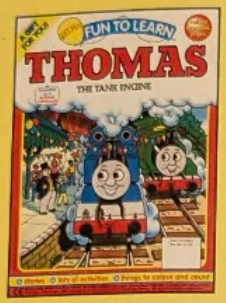

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A read aloud story

A FAMOUS TRAIN

1 One sunny day, Henry had been pulling a special train, taking visitors to the Island of Sodor on a tour of the Fat Controller's railway. It was still the afternoon when he arrived back at the yard. "I am surprised to see you back so early," said Percy. "I thought the visitors would want their tour to last until night time."

2 "They want to get to bed," replied Henry. "They are getting up very early tomorrow morning to see a famous train." "Yes, of course," smiled Percy. "They want to see me pulling the mail train. It is a famous train and I am a famous engine." Percy felt very pleased with himself.

3 Percy set out to pull the mail train late that night. He looked out for the visitors but still hadn't seen them when the sun came up the next morning. "Where are they?" he asked his driver. "We will be finished soon and they will not have seen our famous train."

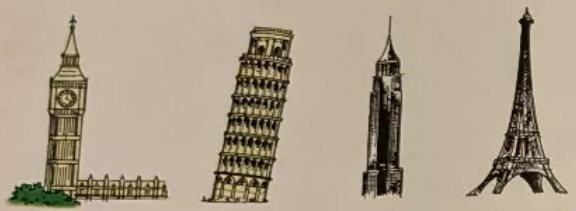
4 When they reached the big station near the harbour, Percy and his driver saw the visitors on the platform. "Peep peep!" whistled Percy. "Shh!" said one of the visitors. "We're waiting to see a famous train." "But I'm here!" exclaimed Percy. "No, not you!" said the visitor. "Look, here it comes, now!"

5 Percy looked down the line. It was Henry! He puffed through the station, pulling the Flying Kipper! All the visitors cheered. "So it was the Flying Kipper they wanted to see, not the mail train," said Percy, sadly.

6 Percy was about to leave when one of the visitors said, "Here's another famous train - it's Percy, pulling the mail train!" The visitors came to look at Percy who let out a proud "peep peep!" "You are **all** famous engines," his driver told him.

COUNTING TIME

Thomas the Tank Engine is a very famous engine!
Here are some more famous things, for you to count.



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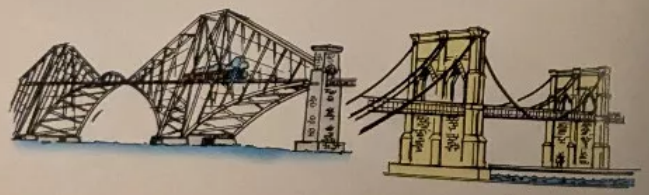
5 famous people

3 famous ships



2 famous bridges

famous cars

famous aeroplane

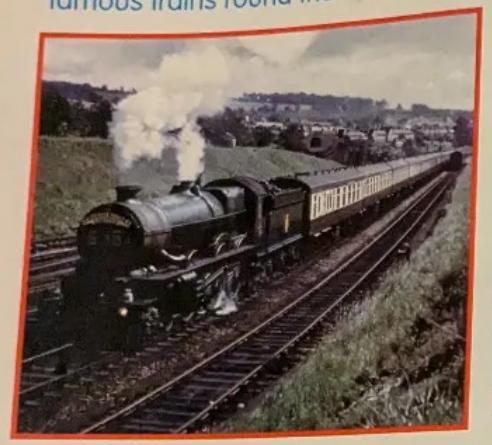
famous engines

This man is taking a photograph of one of the Fat Controller's famous engines. Draw your favourite engine in the space.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

FAMOUS ENGINES

As well as Thomas and his friends, there are many other famous trains round the world.



King James II was one of the most famous **King Class** locomotives on the Great Western Railway. It ran a regular express service from London to the West Country.

Point to the steam.

The **Golden Arrow** was a famous boat train that carried passengers from London to Folkestone, to catch ferries to the continent.

How many flags can you see?

Mallard held the world speed record for a steam train when on 3 July 1938 she reached 126 miles per hour.

Point to the wheels.

The **Nozomi 500** can reach speeds of 186 miles per hour and is the latest of Japan's famous Bullet trains.

What colour is the train?

Flying Scotsman was probably the most famous engine in the world. It pulled the express passenger services from Kings Cross to Edinburgh in the 1930 s.

Point to the letters on the side of the engine.

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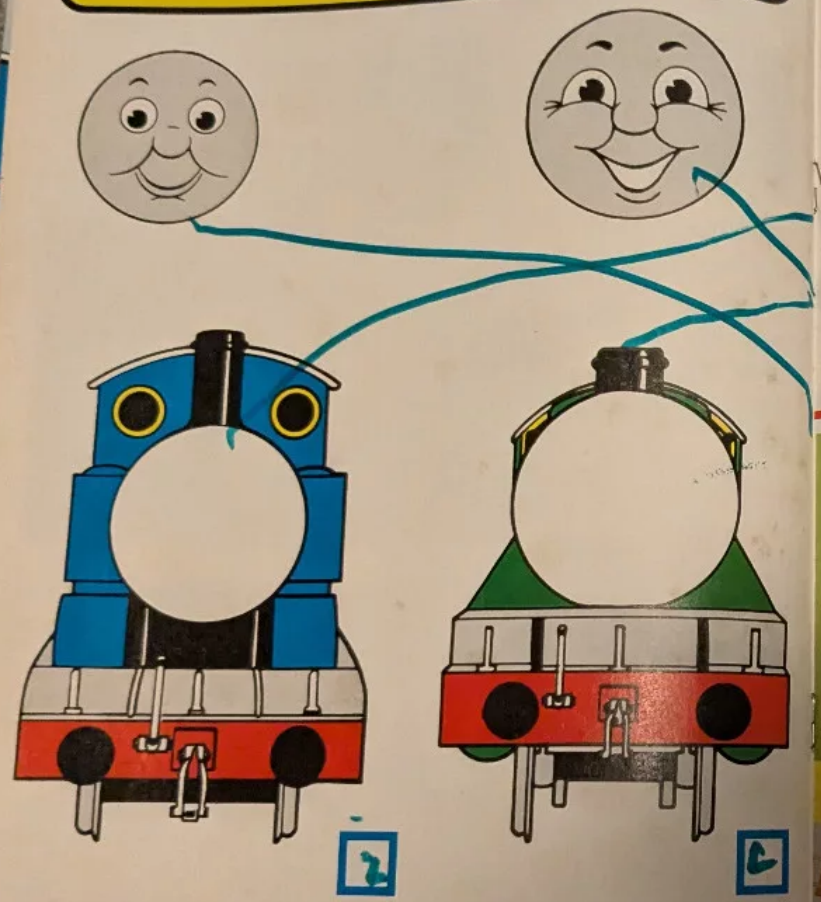
FAMOUS FACES



Douglas

Samuel Housley, 4, Hucknall

Oliver

Rory Flynn, 5, East Barnet

Hello, Thomas

Alex Boot, 4, Mansfield

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Louis Comerford, 3; Katie Aston, 5; Jeremy Stevens, 4; Thomas Hills, 4; James Wilson 3; Carl Prendergast, 5; Ryan Geddes, 5; Thomas Barnett, 3; Stephen Dix, 8; Howard Lewsey, 4; Sarah Johnson, 9; Joseph Porter, 3.

Belated wishes go to:
Bradley Taylor, 2; Taylor Stewart, 3.

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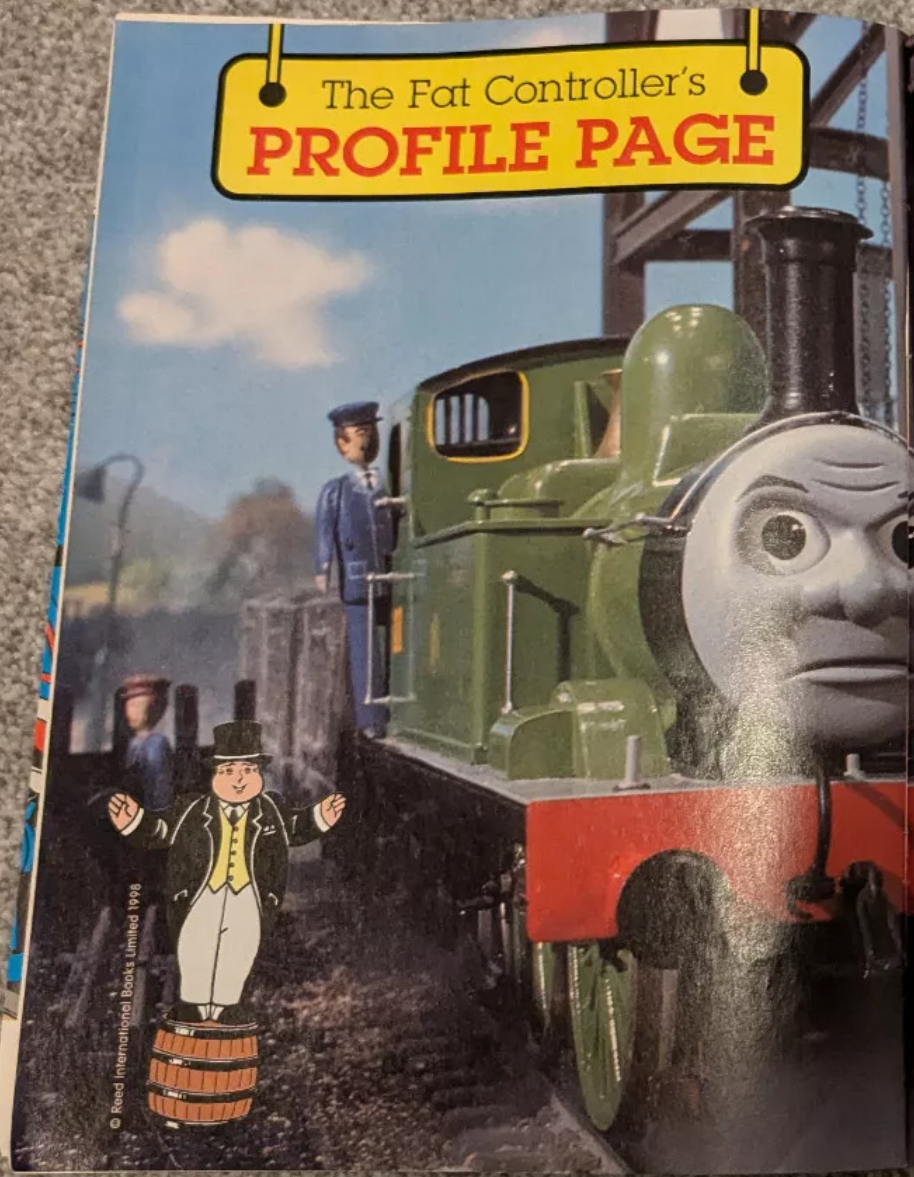

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Find out about all your favourite friends in this splendid profile series.

OLIVER

Oliver is number 11 on the Fat Controller's railway. He and his brake van Toad were saved from scrap by Douglas. He is very proud of his Great Western colours. He used to be quite conceited but learnt his lesson after being pushed into a turntable well by trucks. He works on Duck's branch line.

- What is Oliver's brake van called?
- What number does Oliver have on his side? Write it in the box. ☐
- Whose branch line does he work on?

(tick ✔ the correct box)

Thomas' ☐

Duck's ☐

Edward's ☐

Oliver is based on an 0-4-2 tank engine, 'push-pull' fitted for branch line work.

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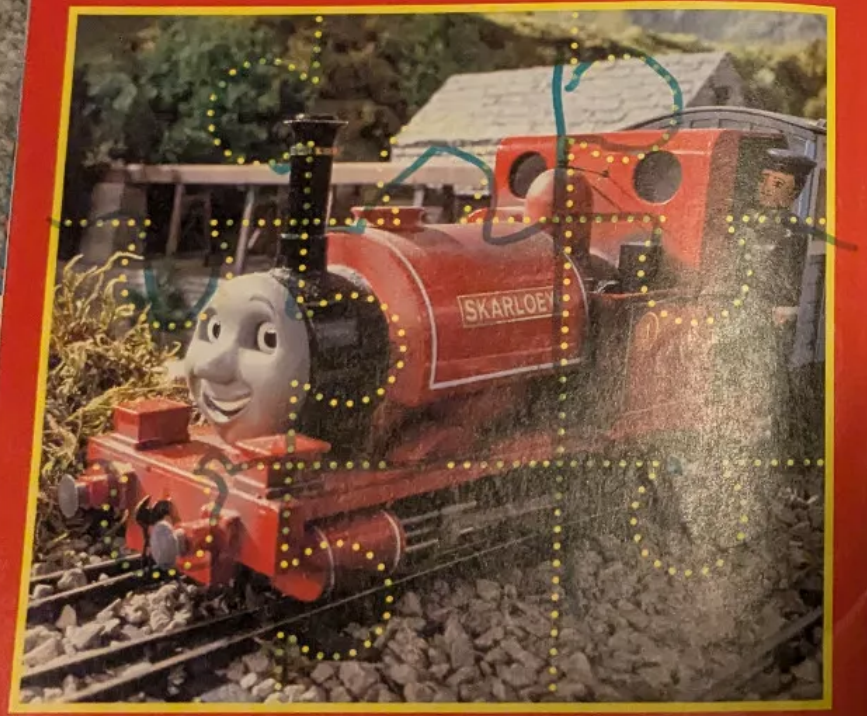
MAKE A JIGSAW

Carefully remove this page and mount it on thin card. Ask an adult to help you cut out the pieces along the yellow lines. Now you will have a splendid Skarloey jigsaw to put together again.

Use the picture above to help you!



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Britt

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Edward

"So many people out today!" said Edward. "I wonder why?"

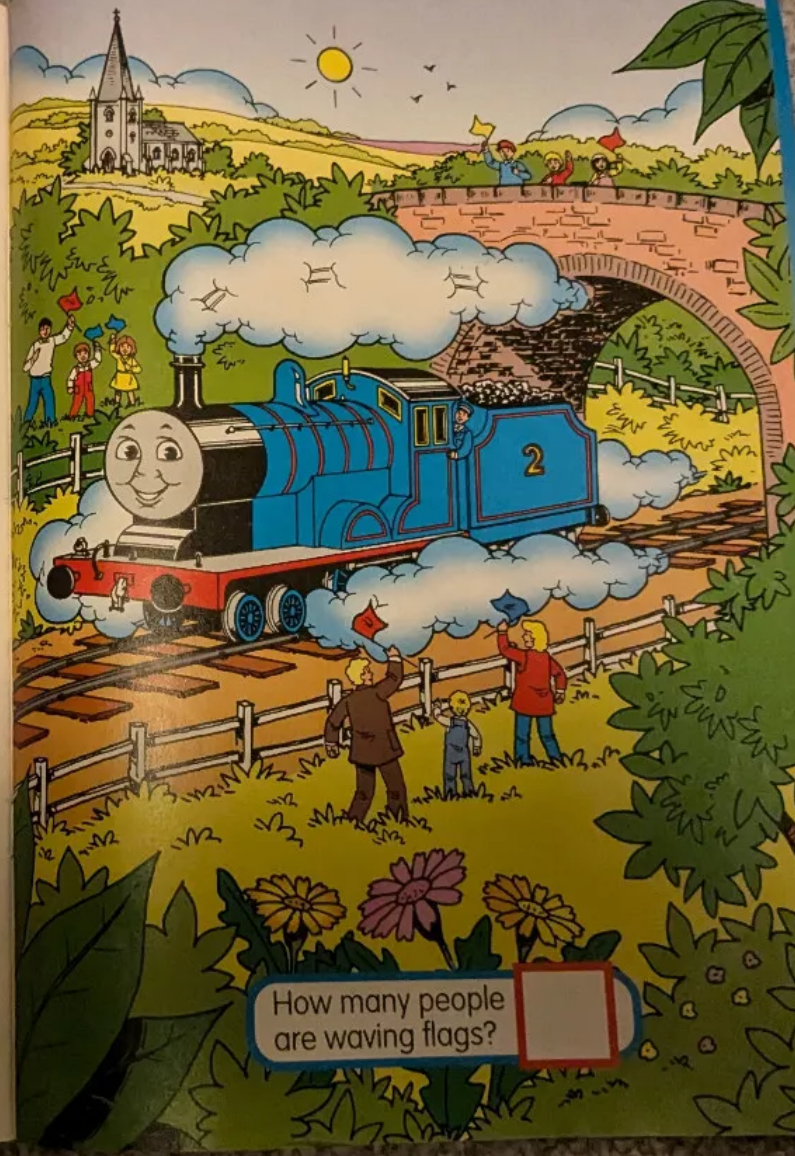
"There's a famous engine coming along this line," said his driver.

Edward was excited. Could it be the famous engine, City of Truro?

He thought of all the famous engines he knew. Flying Scotsman, Mallard...

Everyone began cheering. "Here's Edward! Doesn't he look splendid?"

"Yes, Edward!" said his driver. "**You're** the famous engine!"



This is a 200 series Shinkansen. These high speed trains run the fast services through the countryside in Japan. **What colour is the train?**

PEEP! PEEP!

KEYRING GIVEAWAY!

We have 24 Bill keyrings to give away from the new *Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends* range from ERTL

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The first 24 readers to write to us with their name and address will win a Bill Keyring. Mark your card: Bill Keyring Giveaway 182, The Redan Company Ltd, Appleton House, 139 King Street, London W6 9JG.

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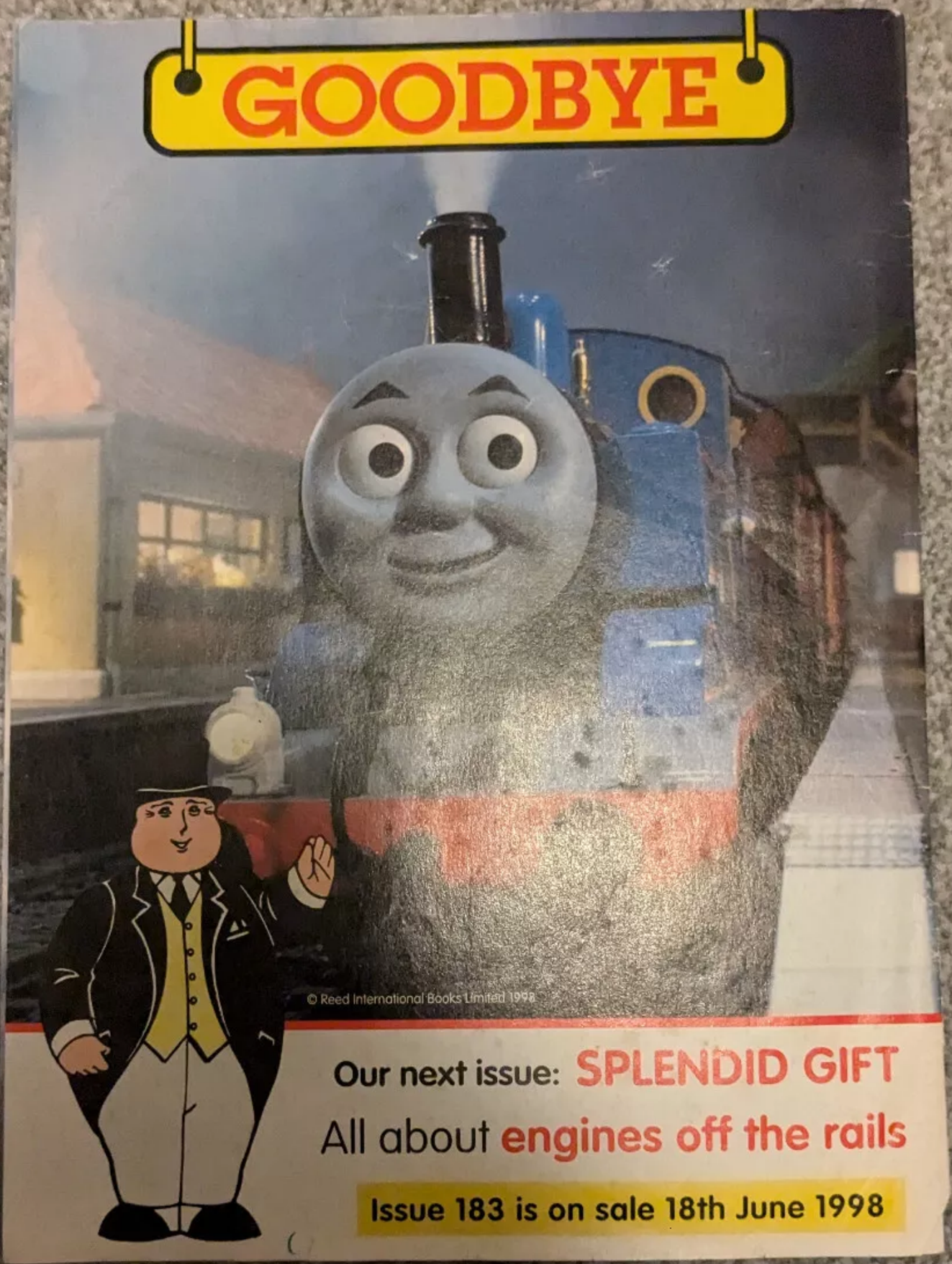

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